

# East Feliciana Parish



*"Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community"*

**Healthy People 2010**

## Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	East Feliciana	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
<b>ECONOMICS, 2000</b>				
% All persons in poverty	23.0%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	29.5%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	11.2%	7.3%	5.8%	--
<b>EDUCATION 2002-2003</b>				
School Expenditure per Student	\$7,177	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	94.5%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	6.4%	7.0%	--	--
<b>MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002</b>				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	14.8	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	77.5%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	76.3%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	9.6%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	15.1%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
<b>INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)</b>				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	32.8	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	215.4	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	117.0	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	13.9*	5.8	5.1	1.0
<b>STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)</b>				
Heart	365.2	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	166.0	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	**	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	**	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	**	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	**	37.8	43.3	--
<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003</b>				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	4.1	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	2.7	2.1	1.5	0.8
<b>HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004</b>				
	<b>Region 2</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>U.S.</b>	<b>HP 2010</b>
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	20.9%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI > 30 (adults 20+)	23.4%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	81.0%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	88.6%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	74.7%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

### Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United State, 2003". NA = Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (\*\*Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EM S/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

**History<sup>1 2</sup>**

East Feliciana became a parish on February 27, 1824. It was formerly a part of the western district of Feliciana (meaning “happy land” in Spanish). The Felicianas, East and West, were part of the West Florida Revolution of 1810 and the territory of the Republic of West Florida. In the same year, it was taken over by the United States. The area is one of the oldest cotton sections of the state and was settled by homesteaders from most of the Southern states.



East Feliciana, the heart of English Louisiana’s Plantation Country, is noted for its scenic beauty and historical landmarks. A legal, educational and commercial center in the days when cotton was king, the parish offers a cornucopia of quaint historic towns, charming bed and breakfasts, beautiful country drives, abundant native wildflowers, excellent and birding. Points of interest include Port Hudson State Commemorative Area (National Landmark), the Parish Courthouse and Lawyers Row (National Landmark), Centenary State Commemorative Area, and Jackson Regional Museum. The Jackson Historic District includes a well preserved commercial corridor and many fine examples of vernacular architecture of the antebellum period. Annual events include the Jackson Assembly Antiques Festival, Feliciana Spring Sampler, Battle of Jackson Crossroads Reenactment and Pecan Ridge Bluegrass Festival.

**Parish Seat<sup>3</sup>** ..... Clinton

**Major Cities** (population over 5,000)

N/A

**Parish Population<sup>4</sup>**

2000.....	21,360
2003 (estimate) .....	21,095
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	51.8%
African American.....	47.1%
Some other race.....	1.1%
Hispanic of Latino (of any race) .....	0.7%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years .....	6.5%
5-14 .....	14.2%
15-17 .....	4.9%
18-19 .....	2.7%
20-24 .....	6.6%
25-64 .....	54.4%
65 & over .....	10.6%

**Geography and Statistics<sup>5</sup>**

Average elevation .....	200ft.
Land area in square miles .....	453
Water area in square miles .....	2.3

**Climate**

Average temperatures	
Annual .....	68°
January .....	50°
July .....	82°
Annual average rainfall .....	77.6 inches

**Labor Force (2001)<sup>6</sup>**

## East Feliciana Parish

Civilian.....	8,128
Employed .....	7,575
Unemployed.....	553
Unemployment.....	6.8%

## Louisiana

Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed .....	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate .....	4.8%

**Colleges/Universities** (within one hour commute)

- Louisiana State University and A&M College
- Southern University and A&M College
- Southeastern Louisiana University

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4. U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3) <<http://www.census.gov>>
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